

*Exposure Draft Technical Release:
Implementation Guidance for SFFAS 49, Public-Private Partnerships*

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This proposed Federal Financial Accounting Technical Release (TR) would assist reporting entities in implementing Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 49, *Public-Private Partnerships: Disclosure Requirements*.

QFR 1 Do you generally support the proposed additional guidance, including the proposed general principles contained in this TR? Please also explain any alternatives or additional implementation challenges that you suggest the Committee address and the reasons for your position. Refer to paragraphs 1-9 that discuss this TR’s proposed purpose and scope and paragraphs A10-A12 in the basis for conclusions.

Yes. HHS believes the proposed additional guidance and the general principles outlined in this Technical Release (TR) provides the necessary clarification for preparers and auditors by addressing known implementation challenges with SFFAS 49. Specifically, the emphasis on avoiding repetitive disclosures while making sure transparency and conciseness is important advancement. The flexibility to either cross-reference or consolidate disclosures promotes reporting integrity.

QFR 2 Do you generally support the proposed guidance related to applying the risk-based characteristics in SFFAS 49? Please also explain any alternative solutions to the

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proposed answers or additional questions that you suggest the Committee address and the reasons for your position. Refer to paragraphs 10-13, the proposed questions and answers, and paragraph A10 in the basis for conclusions.

HHS supports the proposed guidance.

QFR 3 Do you generally support the proposed guidance that clarifies the interrelationship between SFFAS 49 and SFFAS 47, *Reporting Entity*? Please also explain any alternative solutions to the proposed answers or additional questions that you suggest the Committee address and the reasons for your position. Refer to paragraphs 14-20, the proposed questions and answers, paragraphs A10-A14 in the basis for conclusions, and appendix B.

HHS supports the proposed guidance.

QFR 4 Do you generally support the proposed guidance that clarifies the interrelationship between SFFAS 49 and SFFAS 54, *Leases*? Please also explain any alternative solutions to the proposed answers or additional questions that you suggest the Committee address and the reasons for your position. Refer to paragraphs 21-31, the proposed questions and answers, paragraphs A10-A14 in the basis for conclusions, and appendix B.

HHS supports the proposed guidance.

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QFR 5 Do you generally support the proposed guidance that coordinates the disclosures when other standards covering long-standing arrangements/transactions also apply? Refer to paragraphs 32-36, the proposed questions and answers, paragraphs A11-A12 in the basis for conclusions, and appendix B.

HHS supports the proposed guidance.

QFR 6 Do you generally support including (1) the proposed process flowchart that illustrates the applicability of SFFAS 49 to SFFAS 47 and SFFAS 54 and (2) the summary of disclosure requirements? If not, please explain any alternative solutions to the proposed material that you suggest the Committee address and the reasons for your position. Refer to appendix B.

Yes, the inclusion of the process flowchart and summary table increases usability of the TR. They serve as high-level references that can guide preparers through key reporting relationships.

QFR 7 Do you have any comments or suggestions on other aspects of the proposed TR that are not addressed in the above questions? Please note that these proposals may be further modified before a final TR is issued. As such, it is important that you comment on aspects that you favor as well as any that you do not favor.

HHS supports the proposed additional guidance. HHS also recommends continued outreach, trainings, and training tools.